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In re Application of:

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NOTIFICATION APPLICATION**

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) **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
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**AMENDMENTS**

**Listing of the claims:**

1. (Previously Presented) A method of providing message notification for a user comprising the steps of:
- coupling a message notification application to a server, wherein the server stores messages for the user;
  - registering the message notification application to at least one instant messaging service;
  - accessing one of the at least one instant messaging service by the user;
  - signing the user onto the message notification application by adding the user to a buddy list of the message notification application thereby associating the user to the one instant messaging service which the user is currently accessing; and